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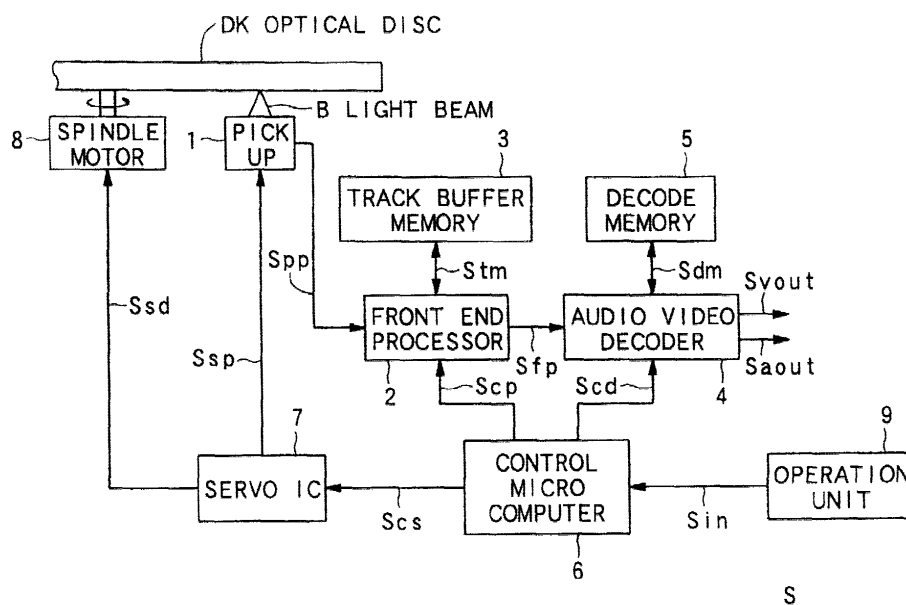
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(54) **Information reproducing apparatus and information reproducing method**

(57) An information reproducing apparatus (S) for reproducing information recorded on an optical disc (DK). A pickup (1) reads the information, and a track buffer memory (3) temporarily accumulates the information therein. A control micro computer (6) start reproduc-

ing the information. Then, the computer (6) stops reproducing while accumulating the information in the memory (3) when stop of the reproduction is requested from an external portion during the reproduction. Further, the computer (6) outputs the information accumulated in the memory (3) to resume reproducing it.

FIG. 1





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